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My Dear Sir

I must ask your pardon for not acknowledging before the very acceptable gift of the "Proceedings at the Breakfast" held in your honor in London -

It gives me great pleasure to know that your services in the cause of human rights have finally been universally acknowledged, tardily by many, myself perhaps among the number - I have admired your noble course in sustaining those who in these latter days have done every thing they could in forwarding the cause of freedom to all & in not finding fault with them because they did not do every thing you desired -

For this you have justly won the regard of those who were unable to take the enlarged view of affairs that you for so many years have been so earnestly advocating -

If devotion to the cause of the oppressed & lowly, can, as it surely must, bring peace of mind, then you certainly must enjoy that which passeth all understanding -

With my ardent desire ^{that} the years left to you to pass on Earth may be your

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happiest & your best,
I subscribe myself
very sincerely
& truly

Yours

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